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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: March 9, 2010

To: Holly Le

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Brand name justification for Glock Model 27 pistol purchase

Special Agents (Criminal Investigators) of the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education (OIG) must successfully complete and graduate from the ten-week basic criminal investigator training course at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Glynco, Georgia. While in the basic criminal investigator training course OIG Special Agents receive training on and must qualify with the Glock Model 22 or Model 23 .40 S&W caliber pistol. Upon return to the field office, each OIG Special Agent is assigned a Glock Model 22, Model 23 or Model 27 pistol. All three of these Glock models are .40 S&W caliber pistols, but each is a different sized frame, with the Model 27 being the smallest, the Model 23 the mid-size, and the Model 22 the large-frame pistol. Special Agents choose a size pistol with which they are most comfortable.

The OIG has been purchasing and issuing Glock Model 22, 23 and 27 pistols since October 2001. The OIG does not own or issue any other type or manufacture of pistol. Glock pistols are the most common pistols issued to federal, state and local law enforcement officers. OIG Special Agents are trained in the safe handling and use of Glock pistols from basic training forward.

Due to an increase in hiring the OIG is in need of ten additional Glock Model 27 pistols to issue to Special Agents who request that model.



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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: January 29, 2010

To: William Hamel *[Signature]*

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Purchase of additional Glock Model 27 pistols

In October 2001 the OIG began issuing Glock Model 23 pistols to all Special Agents. The Model 23 is the mid-size pistol Glock manufactures in .40 caliber. The two other .40 caliber pistols made by Glock are the Model 27 (compact) and Model 22 (large frame). At the time the OIG also purchased 12 Glock Model 27 pistols to be used for undercover operations, and were not permanently assigned to any specific agents.

In October 2004 AIGI Thomas Sipes determined that the standard issue Model 23 may not always be the proper sized .40 caliber pistol for every agent. AIGI Sipes authorized the purchase of 23 additional Glock Model 27 pistols and 12 Glock Model 22 pistols. These pistols were made available to all agents. In 2006 ten additional Glock Model 22 pistols were purchased because the first 12 had been issued and none were available to issue to agents who requested them.

The OIG currently has 7 unassigned Glock Model 27 pistols. OIG owned pistols are currently assigned to 88 Special Agents. The OIG revised its authorized FTE ceiling for Special Agents to 103, thus it is hiring 15 agents. 26 agents are currently assigned Glock Model 27 pistols. Two Model 27 pistols are assigned as undercover weapons within two offices. Based upon historical data about one third of the Special Agents request Glock Model 27. Therefore it is likely that at least five of the newly hired Special Agents will request to be assigned the Glock Model 27, leaving two only as spare weapons to be assigned when a weapon breaks down or for an agent who wants to switch weapon size. Additionally Special Agents frequently request to switch to the Model 27 from the Model 23 or Model 22, and a small inventory of unassigned weapons is necessary to accommodate those requests.

The purchase of 10 additional Glock Model 27 pistols would bring the current unassigned inventory to 17 pistols, which will be immediately reduced as new agents are hired. The OIG has permission, as in the past, to use the contract held between the U.S. Capitol Police and Glock, Inc. to purchase the pistols at \$320 each. The total cost of the purchase would be \$3,200.00.

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Investigation Services

**Date:** February 1, 2010

**To:** Mary Mitchelson  
Acting Inspector General

**From:** William D. Hamel *William D. Hamel*  
Assistant Inspector General  
for Investigations

**Subject:** Firearms Purchase Request

Attached for your consideration and approval please find three memos from Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OIG's National Law Enforcement Coordinator that address immediate needs for Investigation Services. We are requesting to purchase 1) pistol replacement parts, 2) replacement/additional shotguns, and 3) additional pistols for the armory. I have reviewed these requests and discussed them at length with Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]. Based upon both my review and discussions with him, I modified the original request to reduce by ten the total number of shotguns requested from what was proposed and discussed with you at our last Monthly IG Briefing on January 25, 2010. This revised request only increases our overall shotgun inventory by eight. I believe the requested firearms and parts are essential for the safe, effective and efficient operations of Investigation Services. Please let me know if you have any questions about these requests.

## ROUTING AND TRANSMITTAL SLIP

Date

2/1/10

TO: (Name, office symbol, room number,  
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Initials

Date

1. MARY MITCHELSON

MAM 2/1/10

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## REMARKS

Requests for purchases of bearings  
and parts.

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purchases.  
MAM  
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Phone No.

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OPTIONAL FORM 41 (Rev. 1-94)  
Prescribed by GSA  
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Totals \$29,750





UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE  
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

March 2, 2010

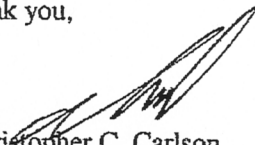
MEMORANDUM FOR (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SPECIAL AGENT, UNITED  
STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR  
GENERAL

This is in reference to your memorandum dated February 2, 2010  
requesting permission to utilize the United States Capitol Police contract, CO  
TSB200700001 to purchase Glock handguns. This is to notify you that your  
request is hereby approved. The following actions/limitations are in affect:

- 1) The following items are authorized to be purchased under this  
request:
  - a. Glock 27 – 10 each
- 2) A copy of this notice is to accompany your order to Glock,
- 3) You must furnish this office with a copy of your order when it  
is placed

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,



Christopher C. Carlson  
Senior Contract Specialist

Cc: Contract File



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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 28, 2010

**TO:** William Hamel  
AIGI

**FROM:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Special Agent  
Law Enforcement Coordinator  
Region V, Chicago

**SUBJECT:** Request to purchase ten Glock Generation 4 pistols

Special Agents of the OIG have been issued Glock .40 caliber pistols in three models, the Glock 22, Glock 23, and Glock 27 since 2001. All three models have performed as required with expected maintenance or repair. Special Agents have generally demonstrated a very high level of marksmanship and weapons handling skills with the Glock model pistols.

A number of OIG Special Agents who are left-hand dominant have voiced concerns about the current inventory of Glock pistols not being capable of moving the magazine release button from the left side of the pistol to the right side. The magazine release is positioned on the left side of the current OIG Glock pistols and, unlike some pistol models made by other manufacturers, cannot be moved to the other side of the pistol, where a left-handed shooter can more easily manipulate the magazine release with his or her shooting-hand thumb. With the current OIG Glock pistols a left-handed shooter must reposition his or her left (shooting) hand and use the left index (trigger) finger to activate the magazine release. The concern of the left-handed shooter is the need to adjust his or her grip on the pistol and the repositioning of the shooting hand to activate the magazine release to perform a reload. A right-handed shooter can generally maintain a consistent grip on the pistol with the shooting (right) hand and manipulate the trigger if needed while activating the magazine release with the right-hand thumb to perform a reload. The safety concern arises during that short time that the left-handed shooter has to effectively lessen control of the pistol while trying to manipulate the magazine release with the shooting hand trigger finger. The OIG has decided against purchasing an additional weapon made by another manufacturer to accommodate the left-handed agents.

Glock, Inc. has recently introduced a new configuration of its .40 caliber pistols, called the Generation 4 pistols. With these pistols Glock, Inc. has redesigned the Glock Model 22 (full

size) and Glock Model 23 (mid-size) to include, among other changes, a reversible magazine release button. The magazine release button on the Generation 4 models 22 and 23 can be changed from the left side of the pistol to the right side to accommodate the left-handed shooter. Glock is not designing a Generation 4 pistol in the Model 27.

The purchase of a limited number of Glock Generation 4 models 22 and 23 pistols to issue to left-handed Special Agents would immediately address the concerns voiced by those agents. The purchase of a total of 10 pistols, 3 model 22's and 7 Model 23's, would be sufficient at this time.

The Glock Generation 4 Models 22 and 23 were recently included in the purchasing contract between Glock, Inc. and the U.S. Capitol Police. Agencies outside the U.S. Capitol Police, including the ED-OIG, are allowed to purchase pistols from this contract. The OIG has made purchases from this contract in the past.

The contract price of the pistols is \$320.00 each for both models, and includes Tritium night sights and 6 magazines with each pistol. The total cost of this request would be \$3,200.00.

No additional costs would be incurred as a result of this purchase.



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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

June 24, 2010

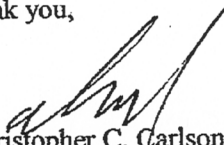
MEMORANDUM FOR (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
OIG

This is in reference to your request dated June 17, 2010 requesting permission to utilize the United States Capitol Police contract, CO TSB200700001 to purchase Glock weapons. This is to notify you that your request is hereby approved. The following actions/limitations are in affect:

- 1) This authorization only covers the Glock 23 (10 each),
- 2) A copy of this notice is to accompany your order to Glock,
- 3) You must furnish this office with a copy of your order when it is placed

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,

  
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## MEMORANDUM

Date: August 19, 2010

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Brand name justification for Glock Model 23 Generation 4 purchase

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